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J-K High Court orders that the body of a civilian dubbed a terrorist and killed in an encounter in November 2021 be exhumed and handed to his family

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7 soldiers killed as vehicle falls into river

Vehicle carrying 26 soldiers skidded off road and fell in Shyok river; some of the 19 injured are grievously hurt

Indian Army personnel gather at the site after a vehicle carrying 26 jawans fell in the Shyok river

#New Delhi

Seven soldiers were killed and 19 injured in Ladakh's Turtuk sector on Friday when their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into the Shyok river, Army officials said.

The accident took place at around 9 am at a place located about 25 km from Thoise, they said, adding that the injured have been shifted to the Command Hospital in Chandimandir in Haryana's Panchkula district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was "anguished" over the bus accident.

"Anguished by the bus accident in Ladakh in which we have lost our brave army personnel. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. I hope those injured recover at the earliest. All possible assistance is being given to the affected," Modi said in a tweet. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh spoke to Army chief General Manoj Pande following the tragic incident. General Pande apprised Singh of the situation and the steps taken by the Army to save the lives of the injured soldiers.

"Deeply saddened by the loss of lives of our brave Indian Army personnel due to a bus tragedy in Ladakh. We will never forget their exemplary service to our nation. My condolences to the bereaved families and prayers for the speedy recovery of the injured," the defence minister wrote on Twitter.

The officials said the vehicle the soldiers were travelling in skidded off the road and fell in the Shyok river.

A total of 26 soldiers were on their way from a transit camp in Partapur to a forward location in sub-sector Hanif.

"Seven individuals have been declared fatal so far. There are grievous injuries to others as well. Dedicated efforts are underway to ensure that the best medical care is provided to the injured," an official said. The officials said the vehicle fell into the Shyok river to a depth of approximately 50 to 60 feet from the road. "A party of 26 soldiers was moving from the transit camp in Partapur to a forward location in sub-sector Hanif. At around 9 am, 25 km from Thoise, the vehicle skidded off the road and fell in the Shyok river," the official cited above said.

All the injured were initially taken to the 403 Field Hospital at Partapur. Hours later, all 19 injured personnel were shifted to Chandimandir. **— PTI**

Sonagachi sex workers call SC verdict step towards life of dignity

 # Kolkata

Winding by-lanes and the narrow streets of Kolkata's Sonagachi, one of the largest red-light districts in Asia, came alive amid music and merry-making on Friday as sex workers rejoiced over the recent Supreme Court verdict that recognised prostitution as a profession.

Coloured powder was smeared on faces and sweets distributed, with sex workers terming the court order as "a step ahead towards a life of dignity".

Mahasweta Mukherjee, advocacy officer of Durbar Mahila Samanwaya Committee, an NGO looking after the welfare of sex workers, said that the organisation's "27 years of struggle has finally borne fruit".

"We had two programmes lined up for the day to celebrate the historic verdict. Women in Sonagachi played with coloured powder and fed sweets to one another in the morning. In the evening, a programme has been arranged to raise menstrual hygiene awareness, keeping in mind that tomorrow is World Menstrual Hygiene Day. Napkins would be distributed on the occasion." Mukherjee, however, noted that brothels are still held unlawful by the court.

Bisakha Laskar, a 44-year-old sex worker and president of the committee, said that the apex court ruling would bring relief to many women, who are regularly harassed for choosing prostitution as their profession. **– PTI**

Lalu joins daughter Misa to file RS poll nomination

#Patna

RJD president Lalu Prasad on Friday accompanied eldest daughter Misa Bharti and former MLA Faiyaz Ahmed for filing of nomination papers for biennial elections to the Rajya Sabha. Chaos prevailed inside the Bihar assembly premises, where thousands of RJD supporters had turned up to catch a glimpse of their charismatic supremo.

The ailing septuagenarian, who has for years been troubled by legal wrangles, however, was not his usual ebullient self and chose not to engage with the crowds nor did he oblige journalists, waiting to hear him speak since he arrived in Patna two days ago.

The former CM had his face covered with a mask and he walked with shuffling, faltering steps, flanked on either side by sons Tej Pratap and Tejashwi who clutched at his arm to prevent him from tripping.

Lalu Prasad Yadav with RJD party candidates Misa Bharti and Faiyaz Ahmad

No member of the proverbial "first family" of the RJD, including Bharti who is set for a hat-trick in the Rajya Sabha, chose to speak to the media. **– PTI**

Texas shooting victim's husband dies of cardiac arrest

#Texas

Joe Garcia, the husband of Irma Garcia, one of two teachers who were shot dead at a school in Uvalde, Texas on Tuesday, has reportedly suffered a fatal cardiac arrest.

Joe and Irma were high school sweethearts and were married for 24 years. They have left behind four children. Debra Austin, cousin of Irma Garcia, has organized a fundraiser for Iram's kids. "I am equally devasted to report Irma's husband Joe has tragically passed away this morning(5/26/2022) as a result of a medical emergency. Please keep our family in your thoughts and prayers. I truly believe Joe died of a broken heart and losing the love of his life of more than 30 years was too much to bear," Debra said on the GoFundMe page.

People on the internet also expressed grief over the turn of events. "It is called Broken Heart Syndrome and occurs far more often than people know. See Debbie Reynolds dying less than 24 hours after Carrie Fisher," said one of the Twitter users.

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Another Twitterati said, "This is extremely heartbreaking I'm praying for the kids losing both parents in a matter of 48 hours is just too much."

The shooting incident that took place in the city of Uvalde has led to a nationwide outcry over the gun laws in the United States.

Several sports personalities, actors, writers, and celebrities have spoken about the incident.

American television host and comedian Jimmy Kimmel on Wednesday's episode of 'Jimmy Kimmel Live!' has passionately addressed the Texas school shooting. He gave a monologue in a mournful and resigned manner. "Here we are again, on another day of mourning in this country."

A child looks at a memorial site for the victims killed in this week's shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas on Friday

American author Stephen King said, "If the gun protectors in Congress are voted out, things may change. If they retain their seats, nothing will change. Pretty simple."

Hollywood star Matthew McConaughey, a native of Uvalde, Texas, also shared a social media message addressing the mass shooting that occurred at Robb Elementary School which is in his hometown.

"This is an epidemic we can control, and whichever side of the aisle we may stand on, we all know we can do better. We must do better. Action must be taken so that no parent has to experience what the parents in Uvalde and the others before them have endured. And to those who dropped off their loved ones not knowing it was goodbye, no words can comprehend or heal your loss, but if prayers can provide comfort, we will keep them coming," the statement concluded. **– ANI**

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Water seepage in rundown VV Puram police station has worsened plight of personnel, especially during rain

ROOFER MADNESS

Building houses office of assistant commissioner

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Police stations in Bengaluru are expected to be neat and clean. The stations, either in summer or monsoon, are equipped to ensure a working atmosphere for police personnel round the clock.

However, VV Puram police station is quite different. It looks like an abandoned and neglected building, as often said is the case in a rural setting.

A visit to VV Puram police station shall make you wonder whether you are visiting the building where VV Puram police and Chickpet traffic police are housed at the moment.

Apart from these two police stations, the building also houses the office of the assistant commissioner of police.

The fact is, with the authorities concerned turning a blind eye due to alleged red tapism or utter negligence, policemen continue to suffer in silence.

They are aware of the leaky roof and poor condition of the building but they could not complain to their higher authorities, they said.

"It is very difficult to work here whenever it rains. Rain water seeps through the roof and walls. There will be no difference between outside and inside of this building

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"Whenever we complain, staff concerned will visit station building for inspection; nothing has been done until now... —Police constable

CHAOS AT BU

Students, syndicate members protest against 'attempts to release Uni funds for other purposes'

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80 DENGUE CASES

At individual level, one can keep spaces dry, avoid mosquito bites

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Javed Ali, live

Bengalureans, this Saturday, let your hair down and unwind with music sensation Javed Ali's live performance at Alive India in Concert series, Season 8, in partnership with Phoenix Marketcity Bangalore and Chennai. Javed boasts of a solid fan base in the country and is credited with having sung songs in almost every Indian language, and the concert is a must-attend for any music lover.

Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield
When: May 28, 6pm onwards
Tickets: Rs 999 onwards, bookmyshow.com

02 Journaling with nature

Green Panther, a venture connecting kids with nature is hosting an engaging workshop for kids on natural journaling and nature activities, as well as a contest to inspire more youngsters to take up nature journaling. Green Panther has designed an activity-based Nature Journal for kids aged 5 to 12 years old that is jam-packed with creative prompts, nature art, colouring pages, and easy-to-fill-in record/ observation sheets.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb; When: May 28, 11 am – 1 pm
Register: 9727582092/ 8296105847

03 Pop-up time!

Unicorn Pop-Ups is organizing its first edition celebrating the women entrepreneurs of Bengaluru. On display will be specially curated, interesting niche brands which are all women-led. The categories range from womenswear, jewellery, art and crafts, food and beverages, beauty and wellness, etc.

Where: Bangalore International Centre, Domlur
When: May 28, 29; Contact: 9380942644

Vax drive for teens is a fizzled-out idea

Forty per cent of children in 15-17 age bracket are partially unvaccinated

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A health worker inoculates a student on campus

It has been five months since the covid-19 vaccination drive for the children in the age group of 15-17 began in Bengaluru on January 3. However, despite this long period, around 40 per cent of the children in this age group are not fully vaccinated.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had a target of around 4.4 lakh individuals to be jabbed, but only about 2.84 lakh have got both doses so far. As many as 3.42 lakh individuals in this age group have received the first dose.

Shot-shy parents and poor planning of on-campus drives are some of the hurdles that led to the sub-par coverage, say experts. "There is still a lot of reluctance among parents. We have started the drive for 12-to 14-year-old children on the campus. While the total strength of the students in this age group is around 1,600, only around 700 turned in to take the vaccine on Friday. The schools are opening now and it is important that all the children get both the doses," said Anita Bijesh, principal, Delhi Public School, Bangalore South.

Many schools say the on-campus drive for this age group is over and they have instructed the students to upload their vaccination certificates.

"We are aware that many students are yet to get their second dose. The on-campus vaccination drive for this age group in our school happened only in April. Thus, the students who took the Covishield vaccine will now have a waiting period of three months before they can get the second dose," said the principal of a city-based private school.

Moreover, the shots were earlier available only at Primary Healthcare Centres (PHCs), making the process cumbersome for many.

"Many parents have told us that reaching out to PHCs was difficult. They approached us and requested that we conduct the drive as locating these PHCs is difficult. When we conducted the drive for 15- to 17-year-olds in April, there was a big turnout," said the principal.

According to D Shashi Kumar, secretary of the Association of Primary and Secondary schools of Karnataka, the Supreme Courts' verdict stating that the vaccine is not mandatory further added to this reluctance.

Out of 4.4 lakh teens eligible for the jab, only 3.42 have taken both doses

"Many more would have taken the jab if it was compulsory for their children to attend offline classes. There was also a lack of proper planning by the officials. The civic body should have looked at a multi-pronged approach involving all the stakeholders to create awareness about the drive," said Kumar.

'Music helped people forget covid'

... says playback singer Javed Ali on the eve of Alive India in Concert Season 8

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With just hours to go before Bollywood music star Javed Ali entertains a packed house under the stars at Alive India in Concert Season 8, Bengalureans cannot keep calm. BM caught up with the popular playback singer to find out what he was looking forward to the most at this concert.

"Bengaluru is a beautiful city, a very historical one, and according to me, one of the best cities in India. I particularly enjoy the climate of Bengaluru whenever I come here; however, that is second only to the warmth and welcoming nature of the people," said Javed.

According to him, the scene of live music has changed quite significantly over the years due to covid. Initially, it was difficult for artists and creative people to stay in touch with their audience due to the lockdown. However, online and digital media has helped to bridge this gap quite a bit, he says.

"Until now, online live concerts were never thought to be possible, but we have found a way to keep our passion alive thanks to online platforms.

"I would say that these are a few positive changes that Covid has enforced on the human race. However, in the music industry, one aspect that has not changed and will probably not change in the future is the thirst for music from our audiences. We are noticing that people are increasingly attracted towards music, as a getaway from the constant stress that covid-induced in us. This is good for me personally as an artist, as it gives me different avenues to explore and be creative."

But change is the only constant and the singer is quick to admit that. Now, he says, as a playback singer, one needs to be on one's toes and constantly adapt in order to survive.

"In pre-recorded songs, I would say the first thing that has changed is the duration of the songs. Nowadays, even a 3-minute song sounds like a lot. The patience level of audiences has gone down significantly. Other than that, composition, music, and style are other factors that have seen changes. The style of 'Outtro' has increased rapidly in popularity."

In the bigger picture, he says that there will always be a change in any field, and music is no exception.

But the one thing that will never change is the 'soul' of music. "Personally, I put a lot of effort in discovering the 'soul' of music, and it is that which makes music one of my passions." Bangalore Mirror is a media partner for the event.

Tickets: https://in.bookmyshow.com/events/alive-india-in-concert-season-8/ET00327242

Sloganeering, protests over funds at BU

Students, teachers, Syndicate members barge into Finance Officer's chamber to protest

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Chaos prevailed at Bangalore University Administrative Block on Friday when students and Syndicate members staged a protest against what they said were attempts to release funds meant for the development of Bangalore University for other purposes.

Students, teaching staff and Syndicate members barged into Bangalore University Finance Officer's chambers and shouted slogans condemning preparations made on Thursday night to release funds to contractors. With the students continuing sloganeering, the finance officer walked out in a huff.

It is said that Bangalore University Vice Chancellor whose term is set to end in 10 days has insisted that the in-charge finance officer and others prepare a cheque for Rs 25 crore from various accounts of State Bank of India. These funds are meant for the developmental work at the Bangalore University.

"The Vice-Chancellor is not authorised to release funds without approval from Syndicate members. He made arrangements to release funds without members' approval on Thursday night. Where is the need for him to hold a meeting in the night?" asks Dr Sudhakar, a Syndicate member.

Another Syndicate member questioned the need to release funds for the contractor from different accounts. "The Vice-Chancellor has special interest in University Visvesvaraya College of Engineering (UVCE). He is adamant about releasing funds despite opposition from Syndicate members, teaching staff and students. We have been demanding that the Vice-Chancellor release funds for the BU PG Centre at Ramanagara but he wants to favour the UVCE," said the member.

> **"The V-C is not authorised to release funds without Syndicate members' approval. He arranged to do so in the night**
> – Dr Sudhakar, Syndicate member

Lokesh Ram, a Research Scholar (Communications) said the Vice-Chancellor should not have conducted a meeting to release the funds to the contractor. "The Vice-Chancellor has threatened the in-charge finance officer to sign the document for the release of funds. The office staff has even printed two cheques for Rs 19 crore and wanted to present it in the State Bank of India for a DD today but cancelled it due to the protest," said Lokesh Ram.

The Bangalore University Teachers' Parishat on Thursday wrote a letter to the Vice Chancellor appealing him not to release funds meant for the developmental works at Bangalore University for other purposes. The letter demanded that the Vice-Chancellor ensure utilisation of funds meant for the purposes allocated.

"The 151st Syndicate Meeting has decided to have separate bank accounts for each department and the funds given by donors to each department must be utilised for the developmental works of those departments only," said Bangalore University Teachers' Parishat in the letter.

Students, teaching staff and syndicate members protest against plan to release funds to contractors, on Friday

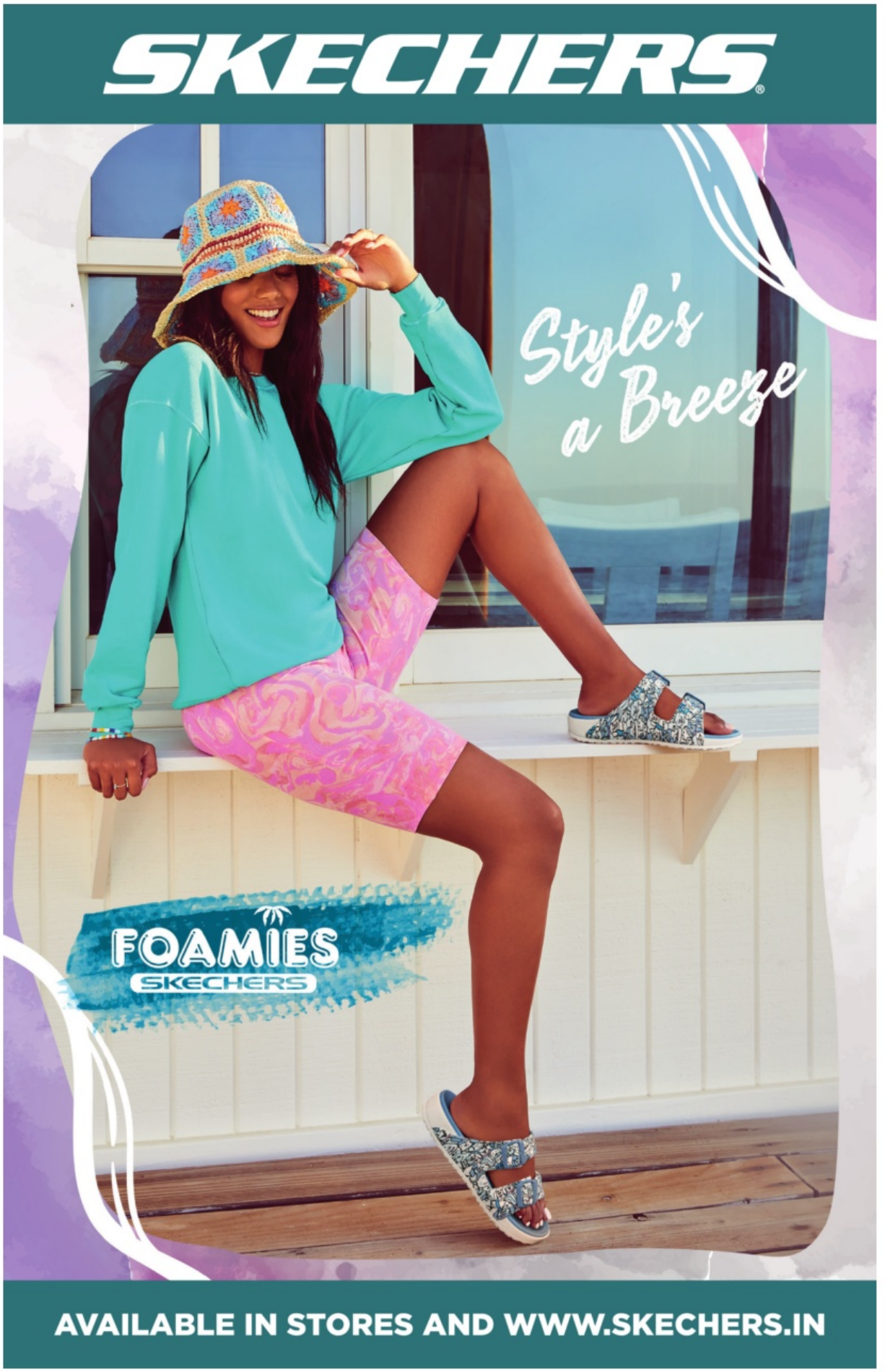
Vandita Sharma is new Chief Secretary

The State Government has appointed 1986-batch IAS officer Vandita Sharma as the new Chief Secretary. She will replace P Ravi Kumar who will retire from his post on May 31. Sharma's name was picked by the Bommai government from a pool of nine probables serving as Additional Chief Secretaries; ISN Prasad (Finance) , Rajnees Goel (Home), EV Ramana Reddy (Industries), Rakesh Singh (Water Resources), Shalini Rajneesh (Planning), G Kumar Naik (Power), Gaurav Gupta (IDD) and Ajay Seth (Central deputation).

NCB tears into drug ring's suitcase operation

The Narcotics Control Bureau Bengaluru with the help of their counterparts in Indore and New Delhi busted an international drug racket and arrested six African nationals including five women and recovered 34.89 kg of heroin worth Rs 52.5 crore from them. The arrested accused included two drug handlers and five peddlers who were picked up from different parts of the country. THe NCB sleuths found that the drugs were concealed at the false bottom pockets of their backpacks.

The officers of NCB, Bengaluru effected a seizure of 7 kg heroin, concealed in the false bottom of a suitcase of one woman passenger who arrived at the Kempegowda International Airport from Zimbabwe on Tuesday. The said lady was apprehended along with her associate. —BMB



No parking facility yet at Freedom Park

Constant protests delay construction of muti-level parking at public common

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With Bengaluru back to a pre-Covid life, Freedom Park, a popular point for holding protests, is back in action, and on an average, three to four protests are being held in a week. Add to this the recent spells of rain and the much-awaited multi-level parking work has been delayed further.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health and IT) Thrilok Chandra said, "We have completed most of the pending work. In the last two months, we had too many protests which delayed it. The recent rainfall in Bengaluru was the latest hindrance. Currently, the rooftop dressing and installation of solar panels are pending. We are hoping to finish by June-end."

Freedom Park is a regular place for protests and despite the ban (as the busy Seshadri Road connecting Majestic to the rest of the city comes to a standstill), the protests are a regular feature.

Since these protestors would park their vehicles on the nearby roads which resulted in traffic congestion, this was affecting local businesses as well. Hence, BBMP had planned to remove the congestion by building a parking place with a capacity of 1,000 vehicles.

Sources said that as too many people are congregating at the park, contractors were finding it tough to execute the work. As per the plan, BBMP is planning to lease a three-floored vehicle parking facility (30,906 sq metre) near Freedom Park at the cost of Rs.79.81 crore.

Those travelling to areas like Chickpet, Gandhinagar, BVK Iyengar Road, KG Road, Palace Road, and Seshadri Road can use this facility which can house 556 cars and 445 two-wheelers. This work is almost nearing its end after five years.

Earlier, no contractor was willing to take up the tender to manage the facility as free parking facilities were available nearby.

Hence, the bidders who participated in the free-bid process requested to ban vehicle parking in Kalidasa Road, Freedom Park entrance, Ramachandra Road, 2nd main Road to 5th Main Road; while all roads in 2nd cross to 6th cross and Subedar Chatram Road.

ASHA workers from across the state gathered recently demanding incentives and benefits from the State Government

Seshadri work may require another fortnight

The white topping is taken up at a cost of Rs 16 crore in this 1.2 kilometre stretch of Seshadri road. The project started on April 4, 2022. As it is one of the busiest arterial roads in the City, the entire road could not be shut down at one go for white topping. Hence, the work was taken up in phases. So far, 70 pc of the work is completed and the BBMP hopes to complete the concretisation in fortnight and another 10 days would be required for curing the concrete.

> **"Currently, rooftop dressing and installation of solar panels are pending; we hope to finish by June-end**
>
> –Thrilok Chandra, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health &IT)

Their sliver of hope in title deeds

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For the 200-odd slum-dwellers living in Kuntigrama in Hebbal Assembly constituency in north Bengaluru, May 28 will remain etched forever in their memories. These slum-dwellers who have been approaching elected representatives and officials to get their title deeds saw their dream come true, after a three-decade-long ordeal.

The Karnataka Slum Development Board had constructed one bedroom, kitchen and hall dwellings for around 2,000 poor families at different locations in Hebbal but was not able to hand over the title deeds as the residents could not pay the fees for the title deeds. The Karnataka Slum Development Board has fixed Rs 2,000 for SC families and Rs 4,000 for families from general category.

Hebbal MLA Byrathi Suresh made arrangements to distribute the deeds to the slum-dwellers residing at Kuntigrama on Friday. He said that he has already paid Rs 60 lakh to Karnataka Slum Development Board for the benefit of around 2,000 slum-dwellers. He has also advised the slum-dwellers to protect and maintain their dwellings.

Ramanjanappa M, a photographer, said that he was very happy to receive the title deed from the MLA. "I have been approaching elected representatives seeking help to get the title deed for my dwelling all these years but in vain. Now, I am very grateful to our MLA for paying the fee to get the title deed."

Rajesh C, a tailor, said that he has been residing at Kuntigrama slum for the last 35 years. "I met many politicians who assured us of help but forgot about it immediately. I am lucky to have Byrathi Suresh as our MLA who is helping needy families," said Rajesh.

Later, the MLA also inaugurated the digging of a borewell at Gundappa Reddy Layout to ensure water supply for the residents. Former Leader of Opposition in BBMP Council Abdul Wajid, former corporator Anand Kumar, Hebbal Block Congress Committee president Balaji and officials from Karnataka Slum Development Board attended the function organised to distribute title deeds for the slum-dwellers.

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Sahakar Nagar

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Mind the gap
Tumakuru Road

This is the state of 1st Main Road, Ravi Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabidarakallu, Tumakuru Road. As a result, many cars get stuck here; wish BBMP fixes this.

Parking hazard
HAL 2nd Stage

This is 12th A Main, HAL 2nd Stage. Every day, at least 75 to 100 bikes of delivery personnel are parked. They also urinate here, making it dirty and smelly.

80 dengue cases in city in 15 days

Civic authorities have to do their bit but at individual level you can keep spaces dry, avoid mosquito bites

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The recent rainfall in the city has thrown open the doors to dengue. In the last 15 days, Bengaluru has reported 80 cases which is said to be the highest in recent years. Out of the 80, Bengaluru East has 24 and Mahadevapura 21 cases. Health care experts say that it is time for Bengalureans to ensure there is no stagnant water anywhere in their vicinity as such spots can turn into potential breeding ground for dengue mosquitoes. City doctors say that as dengue patients also exhibit fever cases, many get confused it to be covid.

"At the ward level, we have taken up surveillance measures including larvae survey and have taken up source reduction measures. So far, there is no dengue death reported in the city. This year, around 400 dengue cases have been reported so far. In fact, three years back, dengue had reached an alarming proportion as 12,000 cases were reported," said BBMP's Special Commissioner (Health) Dr KV Thrilok Chandra.

Dengue is a viral hemorrhagic febrile syndrome also dubbed break bone fever. It is caused by the dengue virus that is spread to people through the bite of the aedes mosquito. Dengue virus infection in humans causes a spectrum of illness ranging from not so apparent mild fever related illness to severe and fatal haemorrhagic disease. The illness is often clinically nonspecific, especially in children. Haemorrhagic manifestations are not uncommon and range from mild skin haemorrhages, including petechiae and purpura to severe forms in menorrhagia, gastrointestinal bleed and Urogenital haemorrhage. According to a health expert, patients

"At the ward level, we have taken up surveillance including larvae survey. There is no dengue death in city – KV Thrilok Chandra, BBMP

suffering from dengue will have symptoms like high grade fever with generalised rashes over the body. The platelet count can decrease drastically.

The most important and easy way of fighting this disease is control of mosquito breeding. BBMP officials said that they have been alerting people about this. "Keep your surroundings clean and prevent water logging although sounds simple are hardly implemented by our people and they point fingers at civic authorities to implement it for them. The civic authorities as usual turn a eye blind to the water logging and the incessant heavy rain is not helping the cause. It is the responsibility of every individual to prevent mosquito breeding around his/her home and a responsibility at the community level. One can also adopt measures at individual level to prevent mosquito bites like wearing full sleeved shirts and full-length pants, applying mosquito repellent creams or using mosquito nets and not being outdoors after sunset or before sunrise," a doctor advised.

Doctors also say that there is no need to nurse a fear about the disease and it's easily treatable for a majority of the population who contract this disease and only a minor percentage of the population develops life threatening complications. All the population is at equal risk of contracting this viral disease but the elderly and paediatric age groups are highly susceptible for complications related to bleeding. As the younger and middle age population seeks medical care almost at the last hour due to their ignorance they too are at a higher risk of developing fatal complications.

Stagnant water is a breeding ground for mosquitoes so intermittent rain doesn't help

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Realty boom at Kanakapura Road

Demand for sites in Kaggalipura | Customers are benefitting from the affordable prices

Kanakapura Road is one of the hotspots in the city for site buyers as is not only known for sites of different sizes, but also for budget sites. The development activities on the Kanakapura Road has been a boost to the demand for real estate here. The multi-storied buildings on this road attract buyers. Realty experts said that the presence of Jain College and Dayanand Sagar Institutions is an added advantage for this road.

Those who live on Kanakapura Road have the connectivity of the NICE Road for commuting into and outside of the city. This road connects to Bannerghatta and Hosur on one side and Mysruru, Magadi, and Tumakuru on another side. Those who work in CBD offices, travel to NICE Road and then on to the green line Metro to the city. The green line connects to Kanakapura Road and Nagasandra. Commuters can change Metro at Majestic and travel to MG Road. In the future, the Metro will connect to the airport also. So, it is easy to reach the airport using the Metro.

Earlier it was seen as countryside, but now with the extension of the "Namma Metro" railway line, the road has got prominence. Reaching Majestic from Yelachenahalli takes only 30 minutes. Recently the Metro was extended to the NICE road interchange. There will be more Metro stations when the Metro expands in the near future. Presently Metro work is in progress up to the Art of Living ashram, it is extended to Talaghattapura and Anjanapura township.

A well-developed road network contributed to the development of real estate around the city. Kanakapura Road has also witnessed such progress. Due to traffic congestion, the 60 ft road was extended to 150 ft with four lanes. The widening of Kanakapura Road from NICE road to Kanakapura gave a new look to this road. Due to easy connectivity to Kengeri and Tumakuru roads, demand for Kanakapura Road is on a all-time high.

Easy commuting to Electronics city and Bannerghatta roads via NICE road also contributed to this. There are lots of BMTC buses running on Kanakapura Road, and cabs and autorickshaws are also available.

There are some mega infrastructure projects that came to Kanakapura Road that gave a shot in the arm to the development of road and surrounding areas. Kanakapura Road passés through Jayanagar, Basavanagudi, and Banashankari. Along with this, the BDA developed JP Nagar 4 and 7th stage, Kumaraswamy Layout, and Anjanapura township too. In the next stage, it is part of NICE Road.

So, infrastructure in the area will be developed further. There are many educational institutions located on Kanakapura Road like Sri Kumaran Institutions, KSIT, Yellamma Dasappa Institutions, Jnanavikasa, Insight Academy, Dayanand Sagar, Jain College, APS College of Engineering, and Jyothy Institute of Technology. Along with this, many other projects will support the development of the Kanakapura Road. People are buying the properties by considering the development of peripheral ring roads, Metro trains, local trains, and other projects.

Where is Kaggalipura?

Kaggalipura is situated on Bengaluru-Coimbatore national highway 209. It is 20 km away from Bengaluru South. Due to the large number of Kaggali trees, it is called Kaggalipura. Kaggalipura is 23 km from Majestic and 13 km from Uttarahalli, 16 km from Banashankari temple, 17 km from Global Village Tech Park in Rajarajeshwarinagar, 18km from NICE Road and Kengeri, 21 km from Electronic city, 16 km from Meenakshi mall in Bannerghatta road and 1.5km from the Art of Living ashram.

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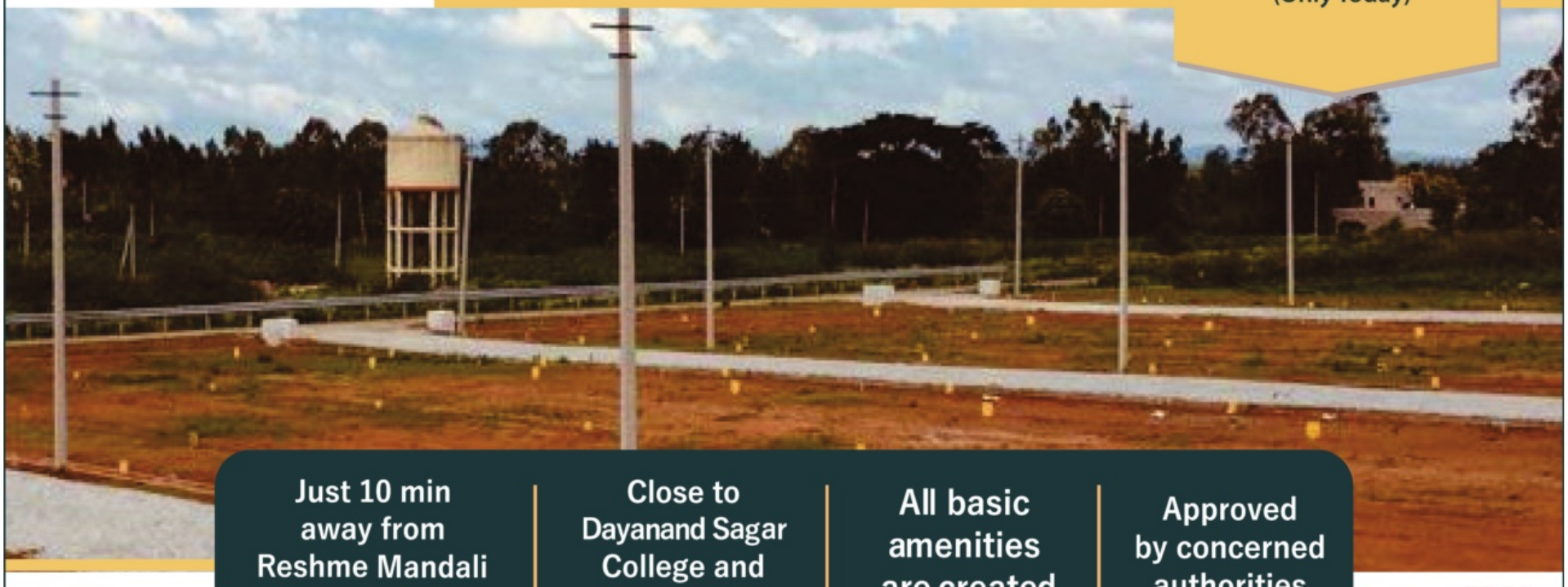

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Are home loan rates still favourable?

How will the hike in MCLR and repo rate impact home loans? Read on to know

When the possibility of a home loan rate hike was first indicated earlier this year, potential as well as existing home loan borrowers had just one question, 'By how much?'

Well, the mystery is over now. Expecting a hike in the repo rates, several banks, a few weeks ago, had increased their MCLR (marginal cost of funds-based lending rate). Then, the RBI, in a surprise move, hiked the repo rate by 40 basis points effectively bringing it to 4.40 per cent.

Find out how will these hikes affect your home loan EMIs

Before you understand the effects, you need to understand what these rates are, "Bank loans approved between April 2016 and October 2019 are linked to MCLR; loans given after October 2019 are linked to the repo rate," explains Adhil Shetty, CEO, Bankbazaar. MCLR is the benchmark interest rate below which a bank is not permitted to lend. A floating home loan rate benchmarked to MCLR will move in tandem with the changes in MCLR. "For instance, consider a floating home loan rate taken on January 1, 2020, with one per cent spread over MCLR of nine per cent. Then the interest rate on home loan was 10 per cent (nine + one per cent) per annum. After one year, suppose MCLR moves up to 10 per cent, then the new interest rate effective January 1, 2021, will be 11 per cent (10 + one per cent), assuming reset frequency of one year," explains Laxmikant Lokhande, senior debt specialist, HDFC Securities.

Similarly, the repo rate is the lending rate at which RBI lends money to commercial banks. "Thus, when the repo rate rises, the bank's lending rate also goes up and borrowings become costlier. When there is a repo rate cut, banks get cheaper loans, which translates into cheaper loans for borrowers as well," explains Shrey Aeren, managing director and country head, Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Orenda.

How will these hikes affect a home loan borrower?

Not significantly, experts believe. "The benchmark for the home loan is currently at its lowest best. Thus, even if the rates rise by 100 basis points this year, home loan rates are still likely to be less than what they were in 2019. Home loans are still affordable, and homebuyers should

compare interest rates and try to borrow at the lowest rate," says Shetty.

"We were about to finalise our home purchase and were planning to apply for a home loan but now the rates have increased. Looking at the rising prices of everything, we believe that home loan rates would also see an upward trajectory. So, instead of postponing, we are going ahead with the purchase before another hike hits," says Sayali Sharma, a production manager from Mumbai.

However, if your homebuying plans are dampened by this hike, keep in mind that home loan rates are cyclic in nature.

Thus, if you were not able to secure a home loan this time around, now is your time to ready yourself for the next window of opportunity. Work on and improve your down payment capability, boost your credit score, and get all the paperwork ready. This will ensure that whenever the time is right, you are ready to apply and make the most of the opportunity.

Further, in case the housing sector's demand takes a considerable hit, central or state government could announce specific regulatory measures (such as subsidies, tax benefit on housing loan, stamp duty cut) to support the housing demand, opening an opportunity for potential home loan borrowers yet again.

Affordable housing would still be in focus, benefitting those looking to buy a home in this segment. "The second half of FY21 was a good time to buy homes, supported by government measures under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Scheme, credit-linked subsidy scheme, record low interest rates, and state-level measures such as stamp duty cuts. Even though much of the pandemic-linked measures have been withdrawn and we are entering a rising interest rate cycle, the government's focus on the 'Housing for All' mission and infrastructure-led capex should ensure continued support to the sector," says Ravi Subramanian, MD and CEO, Shriram Housing Finance Limited.

Tax benefits on home loan

"Home loan borrowers may claim interest deduction benefits on housing loans u/s 24(b) of the IT Act as well as repayment of the principal component of the loan u/s 80C of the IT Act subject to threshold limit of Rs 1.5 lakh. With respect to the home loan borrowers, there may not be any specific relief measures as the current home loan rates are one of the lowest rates in the last few years with little or no fluctuation in the immediate three to four years mainly due to Covid-19 and other economic reasons," says Suresh Surana, founder, RSM India.

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Mayhem in May

Over a week ago, the youngest member of parliament in the United Kingdom, 27-year-old Mhairi Black, left the world wanting after her fiery speech in the House of Commons.

The MP of the Scottish Nationalist Party, apart from evoking a sudden moment or two of introspection, taunted humanity to find the lost bearing as she lambasted the neoliberal wrecking ball, now crushing democracy. Black's speech was a strong message from the 'woke' youth to the adamant, arrogant and blinkered world order led by stony, immovable and equally inefficient politicians gnawing at the prospects of generations to come, pushing the world further towards chaos.

Black was referring to Boris Johnson and his flagrant charade of clinging to power. She told the House of Commons: "Fascism arrives under the guise of respectability; it is identifiable by the othering of people."

The scale of sheer madness unraveling in May, at home and elsewhere in the world, signals absolute policy paralysis in governance resulting in utter failure to ensure even minimal welfare of the citizenry.

Unlucky us. We don't have Mhairi Blacks to show us the mirror and poke the collective conscience into action while the more seasoned lot in the business of politics get busy hatemongering in cahoots with pliant media personnel helping to dig up imaginary skeletons from thy neighbour's backyards — to further the 'othering' as Black rightly pointed out.

The context is no different here, socially, economically and culturally, with Kashmir Files-like cinematic explorations and the latest there-used-to-be-a-temple-here trope. What is also apparent is the scornful disregard of the ruling class, towards the poor, vulnerable and marginalised.

The immediate fallout of the unseasonal thundershowers that almost drowned Bengaluru, seen never before in May, was borne by the poorest and most vulnerable — the slums dwellers. That there was no safety net in place in times of climate crisis for the urban poor notwithstanding and the eleventh hour scramble to manage bad press apart, those living in makeshift shanties devastated by the flash flooding were asked to furnish GPS-tagged images to avail mandated relief.

This preposterous nature of grievance redressal, that takes for granted the most eligible beneficiaries of relief as tech savvy or tweeting-and-photo-posting-social media-frequenting citizens, is most appalling, if not reflective of the arrogance of power directed at the agency of the vulnerable individual.

The latest of this story, as BM reported, was that many slum dwellers were indeed denied relief as they could not produce the tech-enabled proof. It is not as though the state had technologically empowered the poor before the disaster hit and was demanding GPS-tagged images thereafter of an unforeseen natural calamity they are enduring in their isolated, alienated and desolate lives in the city.

The vagaries of power that mock and harass the ordinary citizen do not stop there: it is beyond belief. A few days ago, BM reported about the alleged excesses of law enforcement towards individuals from West Bengal of the Islamic faith residing in Bengaluru. The pretext: crackdown on 'Bangladeshi immigrants' in the city. The individuals in question, especially Bengali muslims, are those mostly living off scraps in the underbelly of the metropolis — collecting and segregating garbage and aiding the pourakarmikas. To barge into their makeshift settlements, recently battered by the rains, and profile them based on religion as alleged, politically motivated or not, is an instance of brutal insensitivity towards the weakest in one of the poorest countries in the world.

Yet another incident, that was quietly buried, was the alleged organisation of a gathering in the city that was openly calling for boycotting the muslim community. The gathered members purportedly used foul language against the community, likewise in events reported from across the country.

The above three instances are indicative of the direction of this young metropolis. The dilemma is clear — a vibrant, inclusive society or a dangerous slide from an already slippery precipice to the dark ages.

The prevalent socio-cultural and political milieu of a democracy is the reflection of what the society wants from its representatives, former US president Barack Obama smugly responded to a contextual question in an interview in India a few years ago. Nevertheless, this devious course towards the total alienation of the vulnerable — poor, weak, minority and marginalised — is what the electorate really wants?

The world surely is not in a comfortable place today. Amid news of mass shootings in the US, social unrest, coupled with the climate emergency, inflation and record unemployment, can be a lethal cocktail that can push a democracy into anarchy in no time as we saw in Sri Lanka. While directing base and uncouth remarks at sensible critique of the opposition at every turn in the past eight years, should not the country and its rulers reflect on the socio-cultural ruin underway and be receptive instead?

29 years of a life-term that never ends

72-yr-old convicted under TADA diagnosed with stage-4 cancer; wife makes plea for his release

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A 72-year-old convict undergoing life sentence for nearly 30 years at the Mysore Prison in connection with his involvement in the Palar bomb blast case has been shifted to the Parappana Agrahara Central Prisons, after he was diagnosed with stage-4 abdominal cancer recently.

Convict Gnanaprakasam, who has been labelled as a gang member of the notorious forest brigand Veerappan, and was convicted in 2001, has been shifted to the Bengaluru's central prison so that he could get access to adequate medical aid, jail authorities maintained.

However, Gnanaprakasam's wife Selva Mary, a resident of Martalli in Kollegal taluk of Chamrajanagar district, says her husband's health is being neglected by jail authorities as he started complaining of abdominal pain and discomfort over the past four months at the Mysore Prison. "Nearly a month ago, an escort policeman from Mysore Prison called and informed me that the jail care doctor had suggested to the jail authorities that Gnanprakasam's symptoms indicated fourth stage cancer, and he be shifted to Bengaluru for suitable medical help," said Anburaj, Gnanaprakasam's friend who had served a jail term of 20 years and had been released only three years ago getting convicted in Veerapan's case.

"Gnanaprakasam was brought to Parappana Agrahara Central Prison three weeks ago and he had visited the KIDWAI Hospital around two times, but his abdominal and kidney biopsies have still not been taken. There is clear-cut negligence on the part of jail authorities both at Mysore prison and Parappana Agrahara when it comes to the convict's medical health. Though Gnanaprakasam was complaining of abdominal pain for four months, only recently did the jail doctors realise that it is stage-4 of the disease," Anburaj added.

Gnanaprakasam has been serving life imprisonment for more than 29 years and five months now and his wife Selva Mary had appealed and petitioned the President of India, Chief Minister, Governor of Karnataka, and even the Home Department to invoke grant remission/reprieve after considering her husband Gnanaprakasam's 29 years of continuous incarceration, but in vain as her pleas are only falling on deaf ears.

Gnanaprakasam was convicted under the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act (TADA).

Gnanaprakasam was moved to Parappana Agrahara Prison to avail of better medical care

"There is negligence on the part of jail authorities both at Mysore prison and Parappana Agrahara when it comes to the convict's medical health –Anburaj, Gnanaprakasam friend

The Karnataka state police had arrested Gnanaprakasam in 1993 and a special designated trial court in Mysuru had convicted him in the Palar bomb blast case where he was shown as accused no. 30, and sent him to prison. "The police had killed their son in an encounter in 1993 and the family has been distraught and have been suffering. Gnanaprakasam's wife has been living with her daughter and the family does not even have money to travel and visit him in jail," said S Balamurugan, a senior advocate and National President for People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL).

In 2002, the State of Karnataka had filed a criminal appeal against the judgement by the TADA Court on the Palar bomb blast case, and sought enhancement of sentence the convicted persons from life imprisonment to death penalty. However, the appeal was dismissed at Supreme Court, but later on the court upheld the conviction and suo-motu enhanced the sentence passed on Gnanaprakasam and other three (Bilawendran, Simon, and Meesakaran Madhaian) from life imprisonment to death penalty. Thereafter, Gnanaprakasam broke down in prison while his family members outside were distraught and approached several NGOs like South India Cell for Human Rights Education and Monitoring (SICHREM) for legal aid. In 2004, a separate clemency petition was sent to the Governor, but there was no response. A review petition was filed before the Supreme Court, but it was dismissed. Soon after Veerappan was killed in an encounter by the Special Task Force (STF) and his gang was disbanded, Gnanaprakasam's wife wrote to the President along with follow up letters to the Chief Minister, Additional Director General of Police and Inspector General of Prisons.

Later on, the Supreme Court scrutinised the documents and found unjustified delay in deciding over the mercy petitions after which the death penalty was commuted to life imprisonment for the three. Simon passed away in jail in 2018, while Bilawendran died in 2020 - both due to old age illness.

"The TADA Act is a draconian Act which prohibits right of appeal to the High Court. There were around 75,000 people throughout the country who were booked under TADA Act. Around 92% of them got acquitted while 8% got convicted. The convicted people approached Supreme Court and some of them got respite. Only 2% of convicts are still languishing in jail even now after 20 long years," said Anburaj.

"The settled norm is that after a convict serves 20 years, he can be considered for premature release depending on their good conduct in jail, but unfortunately for the prisoners who are convicted under TADA, this is not considered," said Balamurugan.

While Gnanaprakasam has lost all hope of seeing the daylight outside prison and is requiring medical aid for his cancer and psychiatric help, his wife has approached SICHREM in Bengaluru who have in turn brought this to the notice of the Karnataka State Human Rights Commission (KSHRC) who will figure out the next course of action.

MYSURU TO BECOME 'BRUHAT'

As heritage city expands, plan to include nearby areas into ambit of city corporation is to be a reality

Many areas such as Srirampura will get an infra boost if included in Mysuru city

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) is set to become bigger as the number of wards will go up from 198 to 243. As the metropolis is growing, there is a demand to include the nearby gram panchayats into the BBMP fold. Now, Mysuru is following the Bengaluru model as the Mysore City Corporation is all set to become Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike.

Many town panchayats like Hootagalli, Kadakola, Bogadi, Rammanahalli, Srirampura and gram panchayats of Siddalingapura, Chamundi hills, Ilavala, Alanahalli Gram Panchayats are to be made part of Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike. The existing boundary of Mysuru City Corporation was

Once addition is made, population of Mysuru municipal limits will increase by 1.51 lakh. Even the corporation may become richer as its revenues may go up by ₹25.81 crore

drawn in 1995. Since then, the heritage city has grown rapidly. Many rural areas have integrated with the city though they continue to remain under the local gram panchayats.

However, there is a hurdle before the integration is done. The main hurdle to complete the process of making Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike is the code of conduct due to the elections for the upper house. Though the proposal to add the gram and town panchayats has been pending for a few weeks, the corporation is yet to approve it due to the election code of conduct which will be in vogue till June 17. On April 12, district in-charge minister ST Somashekhar conducted a meeting with all the heads of local bodies and suggested sending a proposal to the government for making Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike. As per this, nine local bodies made a decision to include Bruhat Mysuru Mahanagara Palike and submitted a proposal to the deputy commissioner.

"This must be discussed in the council meeting in the corporation and approved before submitting it to the government. But though there was a chance of conducting a meeting during the budget session, the subject was not discussed," said a corporation.

Another corporator added, "We welcome the expansion of Mysuru City Corporation. But it may be delayed if the reservation for Mayor and Deputy Mayor is announced and we have to wait for new office bearers and for council meetings." Mysuru Mayor Sunanda Palanetra said, "For Bruhat Mysuru City Corporation, we couldn't conduct council meetings due to code of conduct. Once it ends, we will take a decision." KSLU Developers President P Rajappa said, "When more areas join in the corporation limits, we can get more funds from the government. It will help in developing infrastructure facilities and the value of sites also increases."

Prakash VL

K'taka attracted investment commitment of ₹65,000 crore at WEF meet: Bommai

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Friday said the State government has succeeded in drawing investment commitment worth about Rs 65,000 crore with its participation at the World Economic Forum Meet in Davos, Switzerland.

Karnataka is at the forefront in attracting investments and the WEF Meet has proved to be a "success", he said, as he asserted that the State has "not lost or is not going to lose" in attracting investments in the backdrop of such concerns citing certain developments locally.

"Investment commitments worth Rs 60,000 crore-65,000 crore are expected to flow into the State after our discussions with about 25 companies during the Davos meet," Bommai said.

Speaking to reporters after returning from Davos, he said the investments are a proof of the immense trust and faith Karnataka enjoys, especially with regard to its technology base, skilled manpower, among the top corporates of the world.

"They are of the opinion that Karnataka is the destination for investment in new technologies...the government is committed to ensuring implementation of these investment commitments with an end-to-end approach," he said, adding that all these projects would be sanctioned in six months and it may take one to two years for realisation, while renewable energy related ones would take 5-7 years.

The government is expecting a good response to its Global Investors' Meet to be held in Bengaluru in November and the Bengaluru Tech Summit after this Davos meet. **PTI**

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11.	Indian Forest Service (Preliminary) Examination, 2023 through CS(P) Examination 2023				
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Not a watertight case at VV Puram

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whenever it rains," said a traffic police constable on the condition of anonymity.

The condition of walls inside rooms and in the corridor is nauseating. The colour of paint on the walls has turned green and one can see paint peeling from the wall surface due to water seepage.

"Some of us complained to our sub-inspector about the inconvenience but nothing has been done to fix this problem. I hope my superiors take measures to fix this problem on a permanent basis," said a traffic police constable.

According to traffic police constables, many traffic police stations are known for congestion but only this police station is known for congestion and water seepage.

"Whenever we complain, one or two employees from the department concerned will visit the station building for inspection. But, nothing has been done until now," said another police constable.

Meanwhile, Chickpet traffic police inspector said Chickpet traffic police station was shifted to VV Puram police station building three months ago as the police department demolished the old Chickpet traffic police station building.

"Construction of a new building has already begun. It will be ready to occupy in six months.

— Traffic police inspector.

"The construction of a new building has already begun. It will be ready to occupy in six months. I can't do anything to repair the roof of the existing building since I am not the authority," said the traffic police inspector.

However, VV Puram police inspector said the roof of the police station was repaired recently. "I have already informed higher authorities about the condition of this building. There is a plan to demolish this building and construct a new building. The station building is old; it has to be demolished and reconstructed," the inspector added.

Anyhow, traffic police constables, especially those assigned station work, are worried beyond measure to work from the VV Puram police station during monsoon.

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RCB so close, but yet so far

Fighting 50 by Patidar, but in the end Rajasthan wins by 7 wickets

Rajat Patidar of RCB plays a shot during the IPL 2022 Qualifier 2 cricket match, on Friday

Excellent bowling performance by Prasidh Krishna (3/22) and Obed McCoy (3/23) helped Rajasthan Royals restrict Royal Challengers Bangalore to 157/8 despite a fighting fifty by Rajat Patidar (58 off 42) in the Qualifier 2 of the IPL 2022 at Narendra Modi Stadium, here on Friday.

Apart from Prasidh and McCoy, Trent Boult (1/28), Ravichandran Ashwin (1/31) also chipped in with one each for Rajasthan while the likes of Faf du Plessis (25 off 25) and Glenn Maxwell (24 off 13) were the only main contributors with the bat for RCB besides Patidar.

Put into bat first, RCB had a poor start as Virat Kohli perished early for just 7 runs in the second over, bowled by Prasidh Krishna. Kohli's early departure led to RCB's last match hero -- Rajat Patidar's arrival in the middle. He joined captain Faf du Plessis and they batted sensibly and picked boundaries at regular intervals, taking RCB to 46/1 at the end of powerplay.

During the process, Patidar was dropped by Riyan Parag at backward point in Prasidh's over when the batter was on 13. Taking the advantage of the dropped catch, Patidar continued batting with freedom even after the powerplay and hit few excellent boundaries.

On the other hand, Du Plessis who was being tied down by RR's spin twins of Ravichandran Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal but RCB were still going at a brisk rate. It was Obed McCoy, who gave Rajasthan the next wicket after the pacer got rid of Faf du Plessis, who looked to go big but ended up misiming the shot and was caught by R Ashwin.

Faf du Plessis who was being tied down by RR's spin twins has finally been dismissed. Obed McCoy with the wicket. The RCB skipper looks to go big but ends up misiming the shot and gets caught by R Ashwin, leaving Bangalore to 79-2 after 10.4 overs.

Glenn Maxwell, who came to bat next, showed his aggressive intent and targeted Ashwin and Chahal, hitting them for once six each. The Australian batter was threatening to give RCB's scoring rate a big push but Boult removed Maxwell courtesy a fine catch by McCoy in the fine leg region.

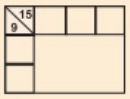
Despite losing wickets from the other end, Patidar continued his impressive run and reached his fifty in 40 deliveries. However, he couldn't carry longer and departed soon after scoring a crucial fifty as Jos Buttler took an excellent catch near the ropes.

Dinesh Karthik then joined Mahipal Lomror in the middle as Bangalore were eyeing a strong finish in the last four overs. But Lomror failed to deliver and got out to Obed McCoy after scoring just 8 overs.

Prasidh then dismissed Dinesh Karthik (6) and Wanindu Hasaranga (0) in the first two deliveries of the 19th over to derail RCB's innings. McCoy, who came to bowl the last over, conceded just three runs and restricted RCB to 157/8 in 20 overs.

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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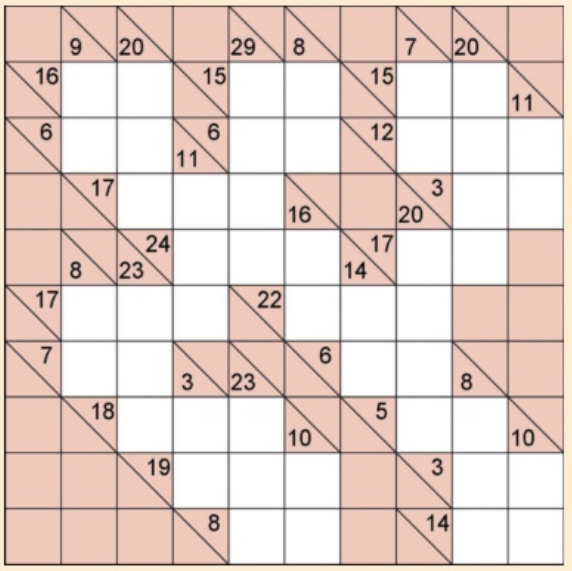

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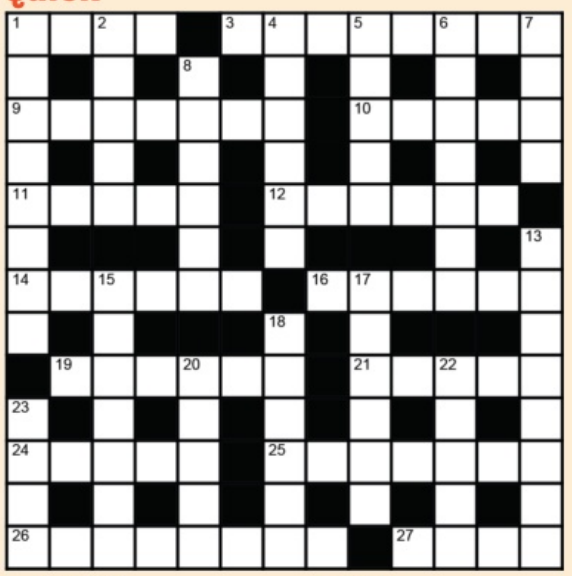


ACROSS

1 Roman emperor–"hoot" anagram? (4)
3 Governor of Karnataka from 2009 to 2014 (8)
9 Enable or authorize (7)
10 Governess (5)
11 Enclosed lagoon (5)
12 Baby's dog (6)
14 Varied mixture, miscellany (6)
16 Becomes interested or aroused, in a way? (4,2)
19 M in M.P. or M.L.A.? (6)
21 Hunger for (5)
24 Go up (5)
25 Capital of Tamil Nadu (7)
26 Perfectly consistent and coherent (8)
27 Conceited (4)

DOWN

1 With ___ ___ : in an enthusiastic and warm manner? (4,4)
2 Large African mammal inhabiting rivers etc. (5)
4 As a result of this (6)
5 Refresh or restore? (5)
6 Microsoft OS (7)
7 Delights (4)
8 A dozen (6)
13 ____ up : stepping on the gas pedal? (8)
15 Ms Padukone of Bollywood (7)
17 Twelfths of a foot (6)
18 Practical jokes (6)
20 Biblical tower (5)
22 Per ___: yearly (5)
23 Deeds (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: I EQUALS U

NMGLRNTJ UGNSJR MB TNUIGJ'B QND YX ZNOMTK DYI RYYO RMOJ DYIG LNBBLYGU LAYUY.

Linemaro

When you left I was thinking you took something with you..my heart

Mindchow

When a true genius appears in the world, you may know him by this sign, that the dunces are all in confederacy against him

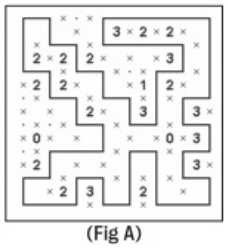
Joke of the day

What you learn from movies: Cars that crash will almost always burst into flames

Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



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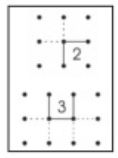


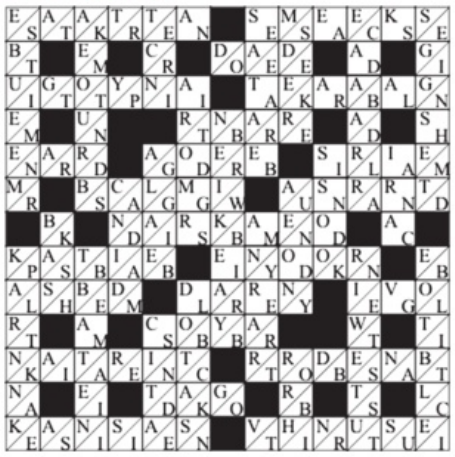
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

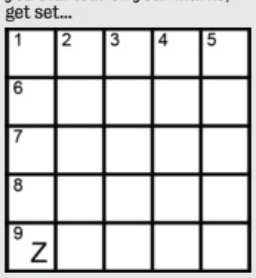
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Abort; 6 I rob I;
7 Spool; 8 Melba;
9 I zany

DOWN

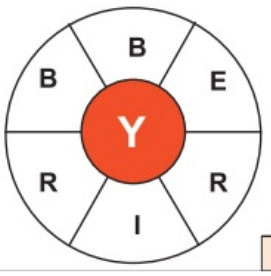
1 Zap to; 2 Amora;
3 Libby; 4 I Lobo;
5 Siren

Mensapuzzle

What is X ?

4 9 X 25

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

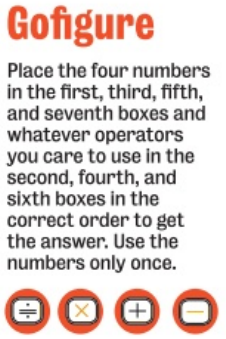
SudokuChallenge

					9			
5	9	7		1			3	
	6			2			5	9
	7	1			3			
	3						6	
			9			5	4	
3	4			6			2	
	2			9		4	7	8
			2					

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



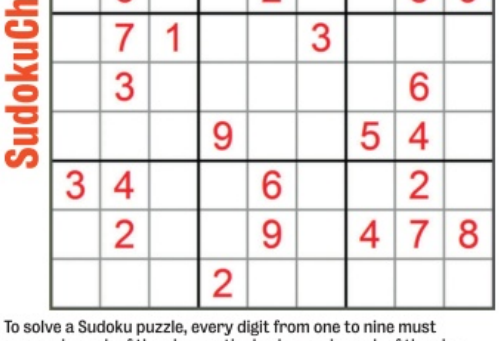
Easy = 15
7 8 9 9

Medium = 8
2 3 6 7

Hard = 45
5 7 8 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



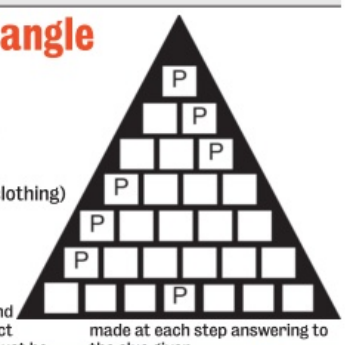
Differences: 1. Drawer handle is different. 2. Picture is reversed. 3. Stripes on sleeve are higher. 4. Spot on dog's back is smaller. 5. Curtain is shorter. 6. Design on lamp is different.

Riddler

Farmer Finnegan needs to build a fence to keep his horses on his property. He only has a little over 1.5 miles of fence materials, but there's also a mile-long straight river running through his property. What shape should he use for the fenced in area to give his horses the most space possible?

Alpha triangle

1 Parking sign
2 Opus, abbr.
3 Saturate
4 Studied attitude
5 Prods
6 Tea types
7 Custom-made (clothing)



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

YOU SHEEP ARE LUCKY ... YOU'VE GOT SPLIT HOOVES
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT THAT ?
YOU COULD WEAR FLIP-FLOPS IF YOU WANTED TO
Yates/Casson
3/15

Bizarrotrip

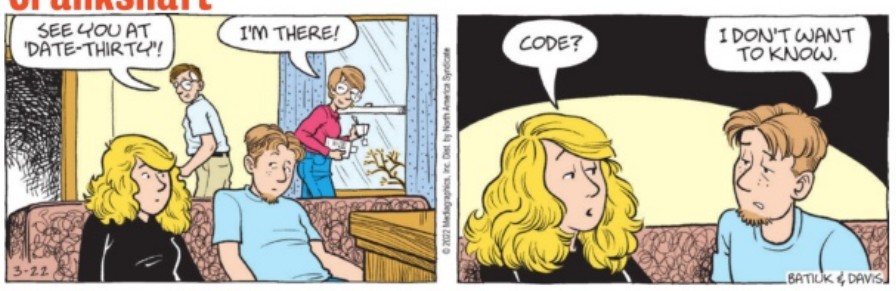
Diamond Lil

HEY, SID!! GIMME A COLD BEER!!
COMIN' UP!!
3/25
We're the National Council on Replacing Your Hearing Aid Batteries, and we approved this message.

Hart of the city

Dear Helen in Australia, I started rehearsals for the Chippy Chip pageant today.
AND A-ONE, TWO, THREE!
It's taking some time to get used to, but I'm learning a lot! And I'm having fun!
Honestly, way more fun than I anticipated.

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you will be blessed by the moon; it will be a good day for you. You have a good vitality you may enjoy at work; you may enjoy romantic moments with the spouse which may improve domestic harmony. You are likely to make new plans to start some new project, your perfection may help you to design the flow chart. Job-seekers will find a suitable job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may not feel better; old health issues may resurface; it may make you upset. You may take some wrong decisions due to impatience and hurry. It is advised to think twice before making any decision. It is advised that you should not keep money loose, otherwise you may spend it on buying worthless stuff.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you will be blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You are likely to have good gains in your past investments. You may be able to take quick decisions in terms of work which may give you good gains in near future.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you may be busy at work; with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits in past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with the spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will be blessed by moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch will now be over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There will be some gains in your business which may boost your finances.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull; you may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start any new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may be enthusiastic which may speed up your project. You may be able to take quick decisions which will increase in the business. You are likely to start a new innovation in partnership. Investments in the fixed assets with the business partner are not advised.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you will be blessed by positive moon. You may feel healthy, old health issues may be cured now. The amount, which was stuck somewhere, is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some stuff related to luxury.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you will be blessed by moon which may give you confidence. You may be able to take important decisions confidently. You will be decisive also; so, you may grab the opportunity without a second thought. You will also plan for higher studies. You are likely to meet with some intellectual people; you may exchange views with them.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull and find it difficult to complete a task. This may affect your confidence level. Your past investments may pay negative returns. You are advised to avoid argument on worthless topics, it may waste precious time. You are also advised to control your spending on worthless stuffs.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may feel energetic. You may perform efficiently at work; your hard work may pay you now which may boost your confidence. Property-related disputes with the siblings are likely to be resolved now. Your meeting with some influential person may boost your network. You may also expect some short trips.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you will be blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your communication skills. You will be polite with the people around you, which may increase your respect. You may take some difficult decisions in the business, with the help of your colleagues.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
-25-(-25)-25-(25)
-25+25-25-25
-50

BULL'S EYE
berry, BRIBERY, byre

FAST FIVE

T	A	B	O	R
O	R	I	B	I
P	O	L	O	S
A	M	B	L	E
Z	A	Y	I	N

RIDDLER
Finnegan should build a half-circle fence with the river as the diameter, giving the horses to frolic and play in. Area of semi-circle = pr2 / 2 = p × .5 miles2 / 2 = 0.3927

STRIKE OUT

S	T	A	T	E	N	S	M	A	C	K	S			
T	M	R	D	E	E	A	I							
M	U		I	B	A	R	A	H						
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K	A	N	S	A	S	V	I	R	T	U	E			

QUICK

S	E	A	M	L	E	S	S		S	M	U	G		
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MENSA PUZZLE
16. 4 is the square of 2; 9 is the square of 3; 25 is the square of 5; xmust be the square of 4 (16).

QUOTE UNCODE
Airplane travel is nature's way of making you look like your passport photo.

SUDOKU

2	1	4	5	3	9	6	8	7
5	9	7	8	1	6	2	3	4
8	6	3	7	2	4	1	5	9
4	7	1	6	5	3	8	9	2
9	3	5	4	8	2	7	6	1
6	8	2	9	7	1	5	4	3
3	4	8	1	6	7	9	2	5
1	2	6	3	9	5	4	7	8
7	5	9	2	4	8	3	1	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
p, Op, Sop, Pose, Pokes, Pekoes, Bespoke.

GO FIGURE
9 + 8 + 7 – 9 = 15
7 – 3 + 6 – 2 = 8
7 x 6 – 5 + 8 = 45
Easy
Medium
Hard

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Ready for Indiana Jones 5?
Hollywood star Harrison Ford on Thursday appeared at the Lucasfilm panel 'Star Wars Celebration' to announce that 'Indiana Jones 5' will hit theatres on June 30, next year

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Highlights of Cannes fashion

Baby bumps & hot pink lips

What does one wear to a celebration of intense film-making? Something fab

It is one of the special aspects of the Cannes Film Festival that it serves as much as a parade of extremely expensive clothing as it does as a showcase for devastating films that often focus on poverty, inequality and social crises.

What should one wear to the premiere of a film about a family struggling to make ends meet ("Leila's Brothers"), or desperate African refugees forced into crime ("Tori and Lokita") ?

The answer is always: something fabulous!

The hottest fashion accessory in 2022 is the foetus. Rihanna made the baby bump an integral part of her look at Paris Fashion Week earlier this year, and it was the turn of Brazilian model Adriana Lima to put her belly on full display at Cannes. Perhaps her most arresting look of the festival fortnight was the apparent homage to Princess Leia's slave outfit from "Return of the Jedi", which she sported for the premiere of "Elvis".

Balenciaga's ambassador French actress Isabelle Huppert, at least left her face on show this week at Cannes as she coated herself entirely in green -- in a dress that covered even her shoes and hands.

By selecting Indian superstar Deepika Padukone as one of the jury members this year, the festival knew they would get a daily display of Bollywood megastyle walking up the red carpet. Depending on the day, there were elaborate saris, or a neck full of jewels, or a slinky black dress and heavy kohl eyeliner, and at one point a giant-shouldered furry black-and-gold combination by Louis Vuitton that looked rather warmer than the sweltering Cannes weather required.

Jake Gyllenhaal made a rare public appearance with his French model girlfriend Jeanne Cadieu, and her dress was a lip-smacking delight.

The hot pink look featured an image of pursed lips across the chest that led to more than a few double-takes on the red carpet.

Other outfits that caught the eye of fashionistas included the black feather dress chosen by Naomi Campbell. **-AFP**

Adriana Lima

Jake Gyllenhal and Jeanne Cadieu

Deepika Padukone

Naomi Campbell

Isabelle Huppert

Clean chit to Aryan

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) on Friday dropped charges of drug possession against 6 prime accused - including Aryan Khan, son of Bollywood mega-star Shah Rukh Khan, an official said here.

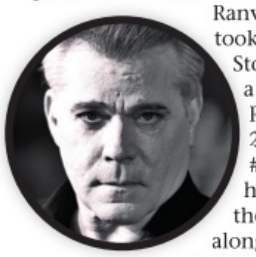
The NC's clean chit has gone to Aryan, Avin Sahu, Gopal Anand, Samir Sehgal, Bhaskar Arora and Manav Singhal, as per its charge sheet in the sensational case filed before a Special Court. While Sahu was a guest on the ship Cordelia Cruise that was swooped on by a team led by the then NCB Zonal Director Sameer Wankhede, the others were the organisers of the alleged rave party on board.

The NCB has said in its charge sheet that narcotics were found on all -- except Aryan Khan and Mohak Jaiswal - in the case that hogged international media attention for months.

In a terse statement, NCB Deputy Director-General Sanjay Kumar Singh said that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) carried out its investigations in an 'objective manner', applying the touchstone of the 'principle of proof beyond reasonable doubt'. Accordingly, the NCB will pursue the case against 14 of the 20 accused and has dropped the charges against the aforementioned 6 "due to lack of sufficient evidence", said Singh, who took over the probe on November 6 last year. Adv Taraq Sayed, lawyer for one of the prime accused, talking to IANS briefly, indicated that the six persons will be free now as there's "no evidence to proceed against them, and the charges have been dropped" by the NCB. **-IANS**

B-Town mourns Ray Liotta

The demise of 'Goodfellas' star Ray Liotta has left everyone in deep shock. Apart from fans and members of Hollywood, a slew of Bollywood celebrities have also expressed grief over the death of Ray Liotta.



Ranveer Singh took to Instagram Story and shared a picture of Ray. "1954-2022. #RayLiotta," he captioned the picture along with a broken heart emoji.

"Rest in peace goodfella..," Arjun Kapoor posted on Instagram Story.

Priyanka Chopra reacted to the shocking news with broken heart emoji. Ray 67, leaves behind a daughter, Karsen. **-ANI**